



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club



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May 2022

SPRING/SUMMER BAR HOURS: Wednesday: 7pm-10pm; Thursday: 5pm-10pm; Friday: 5:30pm-midnight; Saturday: 5pm-midnight; Sunday: 4pm-8pm

MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN MOVING AROUND IN OUR CLUB. ALL RESTRICTIONS DICTATED BY OUR STATE ARE STILL IN FORCE.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 7th, Spring Clean- Up Day, 9am – 12pm
 May 7th, Kentucky Derby Party, 3pm
 May 8th, Mother's Day Mass & Communion Breakfast, 9am
 May 24th, AARP Driver Safety Course, 10am – 2pm
 June 5th, General Membership Meeting, 1pm

June 10th, "Fear of Heights", a play by Kevin Flynn, 7pm
 September 24th & 25th, Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Weekend
 November 19th, 38th Annual Banquet, 7pm

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Robin Pollock, would like to remind all our members that membership dues were payable on January 1st. Please keep in mind dues are a vital part of the running of our Club. Dues for 2022: Family \$75, Individual \$50, Senior Couple \$25 and Senior Individual \$20. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES, Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Beginner Irish Language classes take place on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. Classes run from September through June. To register for class or further information, please contact Pam Ó Murray at (203) 889-6971 (cell) or (203) 488-3866 (home).

BINGO, Fridays at 7pm

FEELING LUCKY? Come to the club every Friday for Bingo! \$5 admission includes 20 games plus an additional bundle must be purchased for \$5, \$9 or \$12. Please spread the word, bring a friend and come out and enjoy! Thank you, Mary Roddy

SPRING CLEAN-UP, Saturday, May 7th, 9am – 12pm

We have a Spring Clean-Up Day planned on Saturday, May 7th from 9am – 12pm. We need lots of help sprucing up the club by planting flowers, cleaning up the winter mess, washing windows and getting our field ready for the season. Please bring your own gardening tools and leaf blowers. If you have a high school student in need of volunteer hours, this is a perfect opportunity to help our club and get those hours in! All help is accepted! There will be something for everyone to do! For more information, please contact Gerry Roddy at (203) 215-3268.

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY, Saturday, May 7th, 3pm

Come and watch the Kentucky Derby on the big screen! Come with your most decorated hat for a chance to win a prize. We will be serving lite fare along with Mint Juleps and another specialty drink. Let's see who can pick out the winning horse and enjoy time with friends. Any questions, please contact Mary Roddy @mroddy@snet.net or 203-506-8367.



MOTHER'S DAY MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST, Sunday, May 8th, 9am

Our annual Mothers' Day Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at our Club on Sunday, May 8th at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by our Club Chaplain, Father Timothy Meehan. A traditional Irish breakfast will be served after Mass. Donation \$15, children \$5. Pancakes will be available for children for \$3.00. Reservations are a must! Please contact Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 by May 4th.



effort. Ticket information and other details will be shared soon. Please mark your calendars now and contact Robin Pollock or Nikki Brooks for questions or donations.

38th ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 19th, 7pm

The 38th Annual Banquet will be held at Woodwinds in Branford on Saturday, November 19th at 7pm. Congratulations to Selina O'Toole and Peter Burke, our 2022 Irish Woman and Man of the Year! Entertainment will be provided by Andy Cooney. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased by contacting Doreen Busca (203) 843-8018, Eileen Roxbee (203) 584-4233, Carmel Larese (203) 314-9318 or Joan Hall (203) 584-2097.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE, Tuesday, May 24th, 10am – 2pm

There are limited spaces available for an AARP Driver Safety Course at the IACC on Tuesday, May 24th from 10am - 2pm. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Please note that many insurances will offer a discount upon completion of this course. To register, please contact Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993. Attendees should arrive at 9:30am and bring cash and AARP card, if you have one. "Coffee and" will be provided.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Kayla Roddy, Erin Sweeney, Colleen Roddy, Theresa & Brandon Green, Luke & Stacey Cormier, Michael & Melissa Conroy, John & Danielle Flynn, Beverly & Scott Carr, Robin & Roy Ferreira, Theresa Lynch, Patrick Masterson, Susan Regan, Steven Cusack, Amy & Ryan Gallagher, John Kozin, Dominic Heggarty, Chris Hinkley, Anna Raccaia, Patsy & Erica Pedicini, Noreen Campbell, Dennis & Cynthia Marshal, Barry & Elizabeth Doohan, Hollis Martens & PJ Santa Barbara, Maura Coppola, Dorothy Eagan, Amy Wilson, Ann Lawlor, Sean & Holly Mullenix, Peggy McGovern, Eileen & Briana O'Neill, Sheilah Slattery, Rene Volpe, Raymond & Lushauna Flores, Charlene Weted, Kathy Hoyt, Anne Cordero, Thomas McGrath & Kim Rose.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, June 5th, 1pm

We have a General Membership meeting planned on Sunday, June 5th at 1pm. There is a lot going on at our club and you, as a member, should be involved in making decisions. Please attend our general membership meetings and give us your input!

DONATIONS

We would like to say thank you to the following members who included a donation with their membership: Ann St Jacques, Delia County, Robert Roche, Therese O'Brien, Theresa Green, Susanne Bowery, Gerry & Nancy Stratton, Kathleen & Robert Lupone, Bill & Denise Mackey, Dawn Flynn, Patrick & Bridie Stratton, Sara Keyes, Eileen Mulvey, Fiona Hackett, Ann Lawlor, Sheilah Slattery, Rene Volpe, Clare & James Murrhly, Matthew & Noel Frawley, Fran & Susan McNulty, Catherine Ranciato, Patricia Giordano, Pete & Lynda Burke, Megan Burke, Emily Burke, Susan McGowan, Vincent McCabe, Joe Lynch & Harry & Mary Kennedy.

"FEAR OF HEIGHTS", a play by Kevin Flynn, Friday, June 10th, 7pm

A very funny and moving one-man show about an Irish kid's phobias, family life, and the meaning of success - themes that run throughout this hilarious biographical work. Madison native, Kevin Flynn, tells the story through the lens of his Irish immigrant family. Flynn's father and grandfather were both steelworkers and inspired the title of this work. The play will be performed at the IACC on Friday, June 10th at 7pm. Donation \$20. To reserve your spot, please call Anne Hines (203) 488-4902.

SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP

Our sponsored membership drive is going well! Current members can sponsor a new member at a reduced rate until October 31st. It is the perfect time to gift a membership to special friends & family! Please feel free to contact Robin Pollock for applications or if you have any questions.

Current Membership Rates		Sponsored Membership Rates	
Family	\$75.00	Family	\$25.00
Individual	\$50.00	Individual	\$20.00
Senior Couples	\$25.00	Senior Couples	\$10.00
Senior Individual	\$20.00	Senior Individual	\$5.00

SAVE THE DATE: HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY, Saturday, September 24th & Sunday, September 25th

Plans are underway for our 2022 Halfway to St. Patrick's Day event. This year, it will be an entire weekend of festivities! On Saturday September 24th, we have an evening of music that starts with Bobby Morrill followed by our headlining band, Derek Warfield and The Young Wolfe Tones. On Sunday, September 25th, the day will start off with a traditional Irish breakfast including a Salute to Our First Responders and Military Giveback. Free breakfast will be provided to service members with a valid ID. The day will continue with Brannigan's Corner providing entertainment, a Kid's Craft Corner and other fun activities for the entire family. This will be a major fundraising event and we are looking for sponsors, raffle donations and support of our community giveback

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the following:
To the family and friends of Audrey Mealia (East Haven). Audrey passed away in November 2021 but a Celebration of Audrey’s life was held at the IACC in early April.
To the family of Billy Scott, Wallingford

GET WELL WISHES

We send our get well wishes to the following: Charlie O’Hagan (New Haven) & Clare Murrhy (Hamden).

THANK YOU

Gerry Roddy would like to extend his thanks to Bill Mackey, Kerry Martens, John McGowan and Marty Lendroff for all of their help with the Spring Clean-Up Day on April 23. The IACC is always looking for members who are willing to help. We have many projects going on at our club. If you have any interest in helping in any way, please contact Gerry Roddy at (203) 215-3268. Every volunteer is needed and appreciated!

STAIRWAY REPAIR

The outside stairway in the back of the club that leads to the upstairs apartment is in desperate need of repair and a safety hazard that must be addressed. We need to completely replace the stairs and landing and due to the cost of materials, this will be quite a costly project. If you have any skills that you can lend and are willing to help build, please let Gerry Roddy know. Additionally, any donations toward this project are greatly appreciated!

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

We are always trying to bring events into our club and your help is needed. If you have any ideas, thoughts or wishes that you would like or to Chair an event please contact either Anne (203) 488-4902 or Mary (203) 506-8367. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you would like to make an announcement in the newsletter i.e. engagement, marriage, birth, graduation from college, or an achievement of any kind, please submit via email to Doreen Busca at dkbusca73@yahoo.com.

EMAILS / NEWSLETTER If you would like to receive emails from the IACC which include the info on the latest events and/or the newsletter by email please send your name and email address to Robin Pollock at rnr17@sbcglobal.net.

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Echoes of Erin Sundays from 12pm - 2pm on FM 88.7 WNHU www.wnhu.net
Celtic Airs on Tuesdays from 6pm -9pm WWUH91.3 or www.wwuh.org

IACC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Irish American Community Center will be awarding one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student of a club member in good standing. The applicant must be a senior in a public or private high school, be enrolled in a college or university. Scholarship recipient will be selected using a three-point rubric score in the following categories: Community Service, Club Participation, Academics, Essay, number of years affiliated with the club. Applicants are requested to fill out the below form and submit along with a copy of your high school transcript or college grades (non-official is okay) and return before 5th August 2022. Send application to: Irish American Community Center Attn: Kerry Martens, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512. Applicant will be notified on or before 12th August to receive their award at the IACC on Thursday, 18th August.

IACC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE#: _____

EMAIL: _____

High School: _____

College or University: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Approximate number of years membership affiliation with the IACC/NHGFHC _____

Community Service (please list location, dates, contact person)

Participation in club activities:

Additional Awards/commendations

Essay topic: Please explain why you think you deserve to be the recipient of this scholarship (one paged, typed).

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner was a huge success. Thank you all for your support. I thank everyone who came out and marched in our St. Patrick's Day parade and carried our many flags. We were a very impressive group and won first place as Best Marching Unit. Thank you to Geoff Maxwell and John McCormack who were my Marshals. St. Patrick's Day and parade day at our club were very busy with breakfast, great music and plenty of fun. Again, everyone's support was immeasurable. Mother's Day is coming up fast – please make your reservations to me for our annual Mass and Irish breakfast. 24th May is our AARP Safe Driving Course – we have not had this event in a number of years so it's great to have it back and it saves you money on your car insurance. Thanks to Pat Donohue for bringing this back. Please sign up for our play on 10th June Fear of Heights. Kevin Flynn has done many successful plays and this one is sure to delight his audience. Please call me for reservations. Hope to see you at our upcoming Kentucky Derby Day.

All the best,
Anne Hines

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,
Our High Holy days of March went very well, and it was so nice to see so many people out and about at the club! Spring is upon us, and we are planning a lot of fun events. First up is a Kentucky Derby in May and are looking forward to all the fun hats and bets. As always Bingo is every Friday and doors open at 5:30 and start time is 7:00 p.m. We would like to welcome all new club members and are very excited to see all new and old faces with plenty of laughs. As times are beginning to return to normal, we are all excited to spend time with our Irish Club friends and hope everyone continues to stay healthy. Please remember this club is yours, so please come forward with any ideas or activities that you would like to see happen here.

God Bless,
Mary